

Lt. Governor Becky Skillman awarded a \$400,000 Community Focus Fund (CFF) grant to Washington County for a new fire station.

Thirty-eight communities were recognized during a statehouse ceremony, with grant awards totaling more than \$16 million.

The grant will assist in the construction a new fire station in the Blue River District.

The new station will serve the Howard Township residents. Issues with spatial constraints and water leaks will be resolved with the project.

“The CFF grants aid our smaller cities and towns with their community improvement needs,” said Lt. Governor Skillman.

“Upgrades in infrastructure, safety or utilities make our smaller communities more competitive in attracting residents as well as new businesses.”

The CFF grants are administered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

These grants are federally funded through the Community Development Block Grant program. The CFFs are awarded annually through a competitive application process.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to: community and senior centers, special needs facilities, libraries, water system improvements, storm drainage projects and sewer system improvements.

For more information about the Community Focus Fund grant program, please visit <http://www.in.gov/ocra/2374.htm>.